



Happening's In the Office of Attorney General Steve Carter

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United States Supreme Court Hears the Indiana Attorney General's Arguments in Voter ID Challenge



AG Carter speaks with reporters following arguments before the United States Supreme Court

Indiana Attorney General Steve Carter joined Solicitor General Thomas Fisher in Washington, D.C. for the oral arguments in a case challenging Indiana's Vote ID Law. Fisher argued the case before the court.

The Court may issue a ruling on the constitutionality of the law by the end of its current session in June.



Solicitor General Thomas Fisher speaks to the media pool.

Indiana Announces Nationwide Agreement with MySpace

Attorney General Steve Carter says the move is helpful in state's efforts to protect children from online predators

In a victory for social networking safety, Attorney General Steve Carter and 49 other states and jurisdictions today announced that MySpace has agreed to take significant steps to better protect children on its web site, including creation of a task force to explore and develop age and identity verification technology. [Press Release](#)

Indiana Attorney General Steve Carter Seeks Law to Protect Children Using Online Social Networking Sites from Convicted Sex Offenders

Indiana Attorney General Steve Carter announced today that he will be working with the Indiana General Assembly to pass a law that would ban convicted sex offenders from using online social networking sites, chat rooms or instant messaging programs that allow minors to participate.

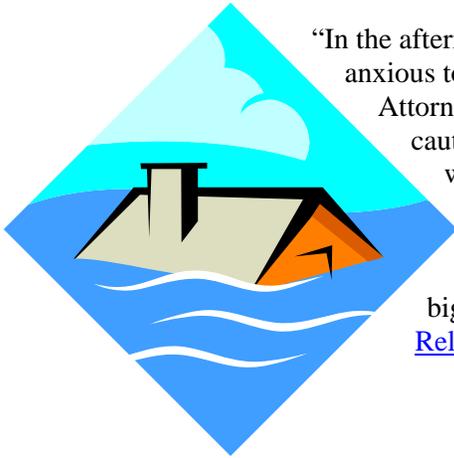
"The Internet is a powerful communication tool that is being exploited by convicted sex offenders who have found cyberspace a convenient avenue for hiding their identity from young people," Carter said. "Indiana must be proactive in establishing laws that address this type of deceitful behavior by convicted felons." [Press Release](#)



CONSUMER ALERTS:

Attorney General Carter Cautions against Unscrupulous Contractors as Northern Indiana Faces Flood Damage

Indiana Attorney General Steve Carter encourages Hoosiers in Northern Indiana to be on guard against unscrupulous contractors as flood waters recede in the area. Con artists may come out of the woodwork to prey on those who have seen damage to their homes by offering assistance at outrageous prices or taking money and failing to complete the work.



“In the aftermath of flooding, people are typically anxious to get home improvements underway,” Attorney General Carter said. “However, take caution and research any unknown contractor who shows up at your doorstep wanting to help. A quick decision could end up costing you more in the long run if the contractor disappears or leaves you with a bigger mess than when he started.” [Press Release](#)

Tips on Finding a Reputable Contractor

- Take your time and don't let a contractor rush your decision.
- Do research, know how much you can afford, and what needs to be done.
- Talk your friends and family about contractors they recommend.
- Opt for local, well-established contractors. Don't assume that an ad makes a contractor reliable.
- Be skeptical if a bid is too low or too high.
- Get bids in writing.
- Check with your city or county building department to determine the licensing requirements for your area and if the contractor you are considering is properly licensed, bonded and insured.

Telephone Scam Seeks Personal Information – Scammers Say New Social Security Cards or Free Medical Cards are being issued

Indiana Attorney General Steve Carter is alerting Hoosiers about a telephone scam that attempts to obtain residents' bank account or social security numbers and other personal identifying information. The callers indicate new Social Security Cards or free medical cards are being sent and they need to verify some personal information.



“This is particularly disturbing since the ploy can often trick people into thinking they must comply or face difficulties later if they don't receive a new social security card,” Carter said. “Remember, the federal government and legitimate businesses will not ask you for bank account or social security numbers over the phone.”